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*“The United Nations is turning 75 at a time of great challenges. COVID-19 is a challenge that crosses borders. There are others, such as climate change and migration, which remind us of the importance of cooperation between countries, as well as international cooperation to achieve the SDGs. Facilitating this cooperation is the fundamental role of multilateralism. This year, we want to hear from you to define global priorities. Have your say and let's build together the future of our planet.”*

**Peter Grohmann**  
Peter Grohmann, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator of the UN in Venezuela



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**“TOGETHER WE CAN LEARN  
FROM PEOPLES ACROSS THE  
WORLD ABOUT HOW WE  
CAN IMPROVE IN TACKLING  
THE GLOBAL CHALLENGES OF  
OUR TIME.”**

**António Guterres**  
*UN Secretary-General*





# FOREWORD



Photo: OCHA // Gemma Cortés

## UN75: SHAPING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

In January 2020, the United Nations launched the global consultation to mark its 75th anniversary. Through surveys and dialogues, it asked people about their hopes and concerns for the future, representing the UN's most ambitious effort to date to understand citizens' expectations beyond 2020, as well as the role of international cooperation and the UN in particular. It was also the largest survey to date on priorities for recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

By September 2020, more than one million people from all countries and all walks of life had taken part. Their answers provide unique insights into what the public wants at this challenging time for the world. The report that the Secretary-General António Guterres presented to the General Assembly in September highlighted that, across regions, ages and social groups, respondents were broadly united in their priorities for the future. First, amid the current COVID-19 crisis, the immediate priority for most respondents is improved access to basic services: healthcare, safe water, sanitation and education, followed by greater international solidarity and increased support to those hardest hit. This includes tackling inequalities and rebuilding a more inclusive economy. Looking to the future, the overwhelming concerns are the climate crisis and the destruction of our natural environment. Other priorities include ensuring greater respect for human rights, settling conflicts, tackling poverty and reducing corruption.

Venezuela joined this conversation with more than 7,100 people who responded to the global survey. In addition, the UN Country Team promoted the conversation through initiatives dedicated to UN75, such as the contest launched with *El Sistema Composing your Future*, which invited young composers to create a piece that would inspire action to build a better future; a blogging space dedicated to building a better future in the newspaper *El Universal* to which representatives of UN Agencies, Funds and Programs, as well as experts and invited

citizens contributed; and a televised concert on Venevisión that brought together citizen voices, artists, influencers and experts to highlight the broad social participation that characterized the 75th anniversary. We also spoke with more than 350 people via zoom and face to face in meetings dedicated to listening to communities, women, youth, the elderly, indigenous peoples, the private sector and academia.

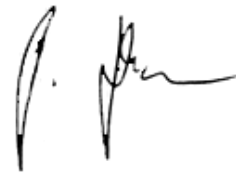
Their views and priorities are compelling: the first is universal access to basic services such as health, water, sanitation, comprehensive education and the internet; the second is increased support for the communities most affected by COVID-19; and the third is more solidarity among people and countries. Other priorities that emerged strongly are: the fight against poverty and inequality, gender equality and the eradication of violence against girls and women, combating the climate crisis, equal rights among individuals and more equality among countries, and respecting the self-determination and identity of peoples. In addition, we have confirmed that to achieve this, multilateralism and international cooperation have never been more important than today.

This document contains the results of an initiative characterized by dialogue, listening and learning, which calls for urgent action to address the root causes of inequality and the factors of instability. With the consequences of the pandemic in sight, it is time to make the principle of *leaving no one behind* a reality, and to commit ourselves to building back better in order to emerge from this crisis more humane and sustainable.

Throughout the year, we heard words of resilience and hope for overcoming challenges. *Leaving no one behind* in times of the pandemic means that the life of a patient with COVID-19 is saved and that people with other diseases continue to be cared for; that families have water, light and sufficient income to ensure food; that children and adolescents

can continue their education; that older adults are protected; that women are protected from gender-based violence; that indigenous peoples have access to basic social services; that migrants are cared for with dignity on their way home; and that young people can develop positive perspectives for their future.

Our commitment to making the 2030 Agenda's promise of *leaving no one behind* is with them: those who weave peace, unity, solidarity, and sustainable development in their communities every day. We make this report available to all actors, national and international, inviting them to learn about the opinions and priorities defined, enforce together that commitment and redouble the efforts to build a Venezuela that responds to the aspirations of its people.



**Peter Grohmann**  
*Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator,*  
*United Nations in Venezuela*





*"The world is facing multiple problems. It is a reality that cannot be avoided. That is why the UN, in commemoration of its 75th anniversary, is promoting a dialogue to give our inputs on shaping the future we want. And we were part of the world's largest conversation."*

**Génessis y Betzabé Martínez**  
Grupo Alpha and UNDP dialogue



*"On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, we invite you to participate in this global dialogue through this survey, and we would like to know your views on what needs to be done to have a better world, to close the inequality gap, and also what we need to improve in the fight against HIV at the global level. We invite you to take part in this global dialogue."*

**Alejandra Oraa**  
Goodwill Ambassador for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNAIDS

# INTRODUCTION

Foto: FAO Venezuela

## UN75 INITIATIVE

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the United Nations in 2020, Secretary-General António Guterres launched a global debate entitled “UN75”: the world’s largest conversation about building the future we want.

Through UN75, the United Nations invited people around the world to define how international cooperation can help achieve a better world by 2045, when the UN will celebrate its centennial. In a world of complex challenges, from the climate crisis to population changes and the unknown course of technology, this global conversation made it clear that we need collective action more than ever.

Venezuela joined the more than one million citizens around the world who were part of this conversation through surveys, dialogues and initiatives dedicated to the UN75. The following is a summary of activities and the main results, as well as the messages of Venezuelans about the world in which they wish to live.

# THE UN75 SURVEY:

The survey [www.un75.online](http://www.un75.online) was launched in January 2020 in 64 languages to listen to as many people as possible around the world. It gathered their priorities for the future, the obstacles to achieving them and the role of global cooperation in furthering them.

In April 2020, a question was added about recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, and whether the pandemic had changed people's views on the importance of global cooperation. In addition, to ensure that those not connected through the internet were heard, the survey was adapted to capture data offline through a mobile application, and through integration with SMS and other tools such as UNICEF's U-Report.

By September 2020, when Secretary-General António Guterres presented the first report to member states during the General Assembly, more than one million people had responded to the survey.

As the survey is voluntary, it is not necessarily representative. However, it includes a broad and diverse sample of respondents permitting quantitative analysis which led to meaningful results. UN country teams around the world and their partners made great efforts to promote this powerful tool for popular consultation.

In Venezuela, the UN Country Team launched a campaign inviting citizens to respond to the survey and promoting broad participation. UNHCR, FAO, OCHA, IOM, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNFPA, PAHO/WHO, UNICEF, UNV, UNESCO-IEASALC and the Resident Coordinator's Office (RCO) activated their voices by highlighting the importance of the global conversation, and promoted the voices of partners, civil society organizations, influencers and citizens from all over Venezuela, who participated in the survey and invited the public to give their opinions and

contribute to defining the world's priorities. In alliance with the newspaper El Universal, more than 35 blogs of representatives of the UN Agencies, Funds and Programs in Venezuela, together with experts, influencers and invited citizens were published in a section dedicated to UN75 promoting the debate on the construction of a better future. This initiative highlighted issues such as comprehensive education, inclusive societies, gender equality and women's empowerment, food security, sustainable production and consumption, sexual and reproductive rights, humanitarian action, peace, lessons from HIV to overcome COVID-19, the reduction of maternal mortality, the eradication of adolescent pregnancy and femicide, safe migration, children's rights, as well as cooperation and multilateralism to strengthen the collective response to these challenges.



# GLOBAL RESULTS

Photo: UNICEF Venezuela

## PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

The results of this global consultation launched by the United Nations on the occasion of its 75th anniversary show a world on the edge, with crises exacerbated by the pandemic, but clear in its aspirations. Across regions, ages and social groups, respondents were broadly united in their priorities for the future:

1. Amid the current COVID-19 crisis, the immediate priority for most respondents is **improved access to basic services** – healthcare, safe water, sanitation and education.
2. **Greater international solidarity and increased support to those hardest hit.** This includes tackling inequalities and rebuilding a more inclusive economy.
3. Looking to the future, the overwhelming concerns are the **climate crisis and the destruction of our natural environment.**
4. Other priorities include **ensuring greater respect for human rights, settling conflicts, tackling poverty and reducing corruption.**

## PERCEPTIONS OF THE UN

- Over 87% of respondents believe global cooperation is vital to deal with today's challenges, and that the pandemic has made international cooperation more urgent.
- Seventy-five years after its founding, six in 10 respondents believe the UN has made the world a better place. Looking to the future, 74% see the UN as "essential" in tackling the challenges.

- However, respondents want the UN to change and innovate: to be more inclusive of the diversity of actors in the 21st century, and to become more transparent, accountable and effective.



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*“Every day we contribute to building a more just, equitable and inclusive society through the human, social, academic, artistic and musical development of our children and youth. Today I invite you to participate in the United Nations global survey so that you can give your opinion that can contribute to improve society and have a better future.”*

**Eduardo Méndez**  
Executive Director of *El Sistema*



*“Talking is the main tool that we human beings have to review ideas, reduce conflicts and build societies of progress. That is why I am delighted that the United Nations has decided to celebrate its 75th anniversary by creating spaces to discuss ideas about the current problems the world is facing, which will be presented to world leaders this year. Feminismo, Inc. invites you to answer the global survey. Join the global dialogue so that no one is left behind.”*

**Susana Reina**  
Director of *Feminismo, Inc.*  
dialogue with UNDP



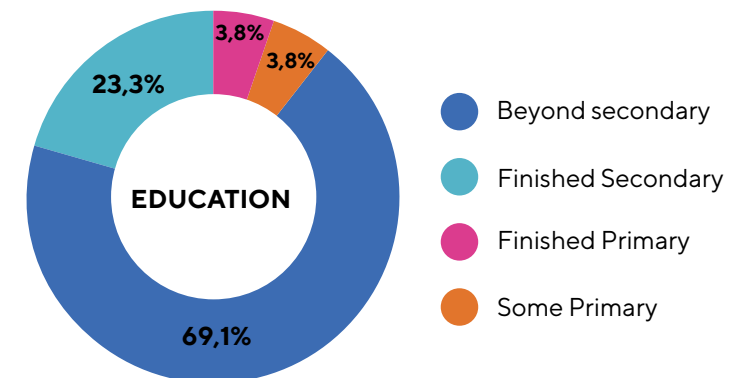
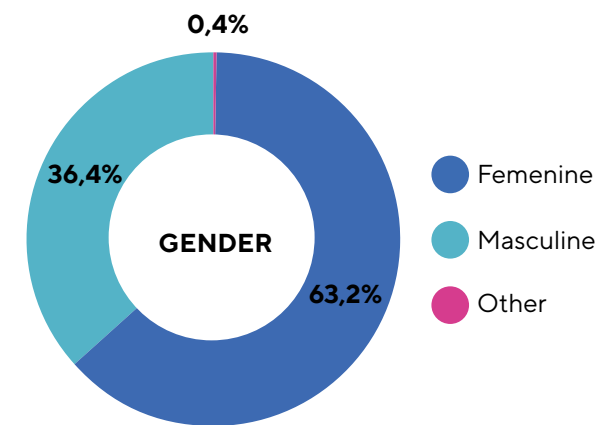
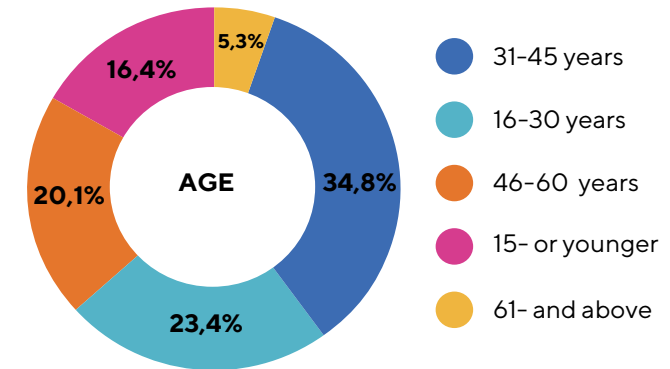


# RESULTS IN VENEZUELA

Photo: FAO Venezuela

VENEZUELA JOINED THE GLOBAL SURVEY WITH MORE THAN 7,100 RESPONSES.

## DEMOGRAPHIC DATA Total: 7.119



Data as of December 19th, 2019.



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PRIORITIES OF THE VENEZUELAN PEOPLE

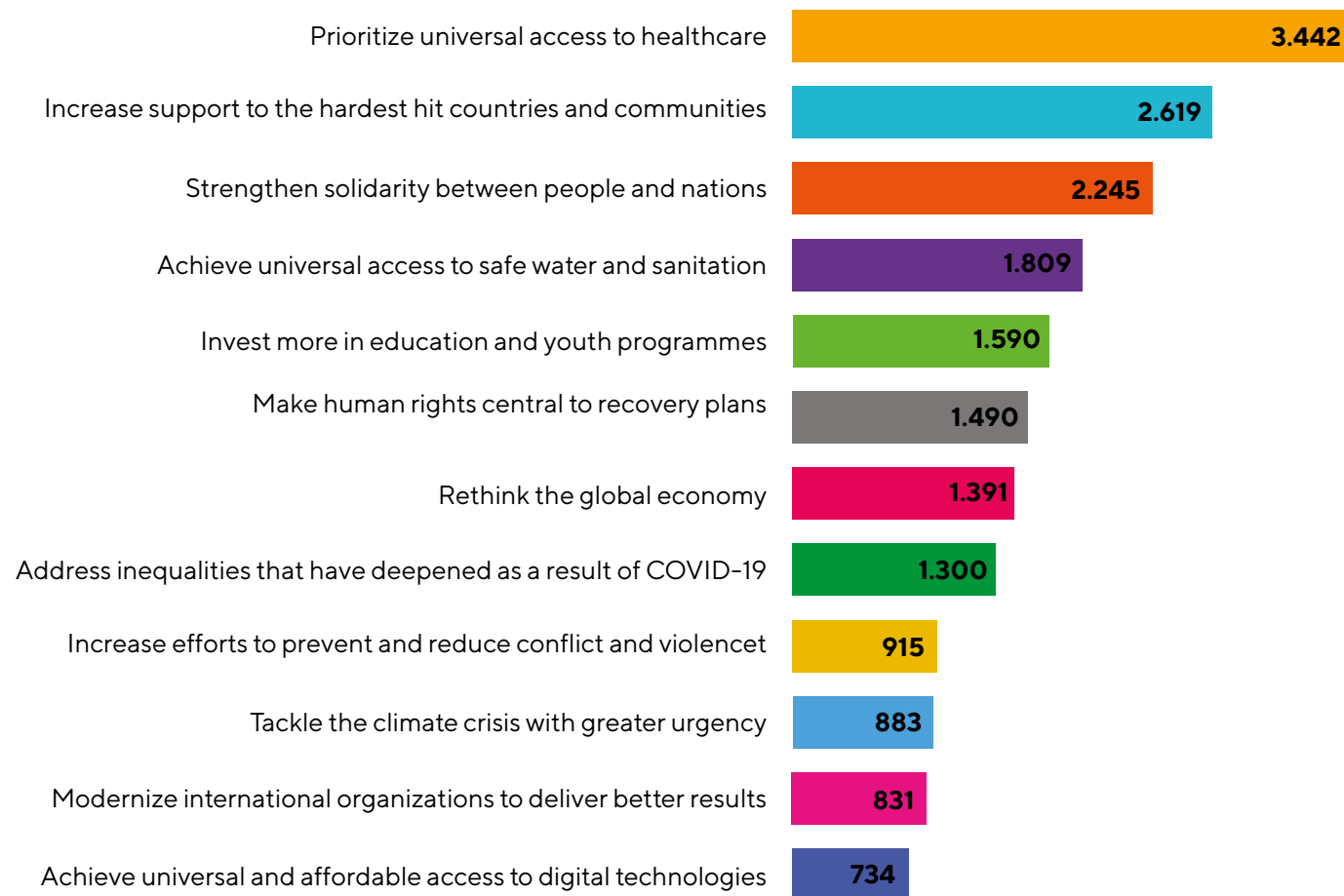
To the question What should the international community prioritize to better recover from the pandemic? Venezuelans responded: first, prioritize universal access to health;

second, increase support to the most affected countries and communities; and third, strengthen solidarity among peoples and nations. Here are the results:

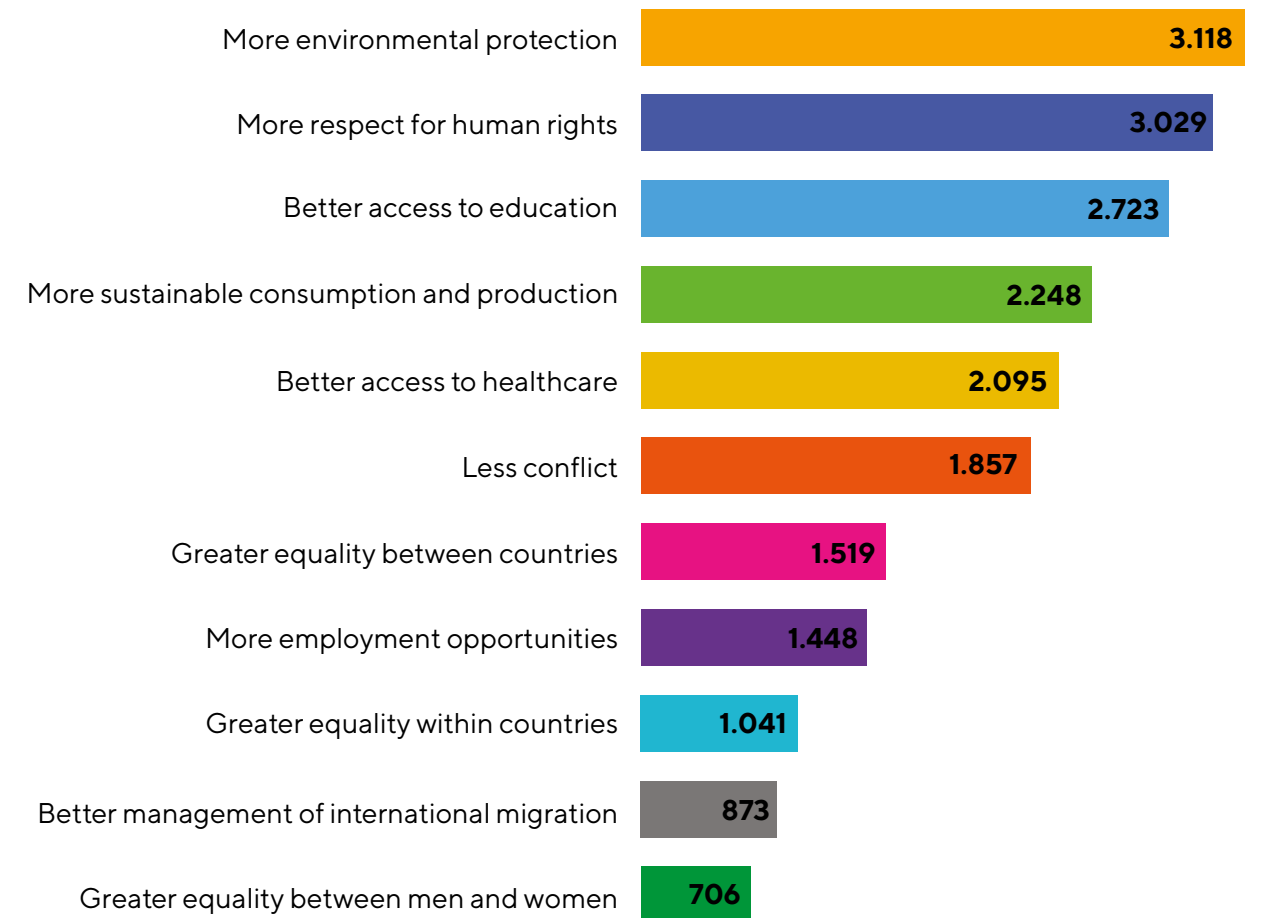
To build a better future, the three things that Venezuelans would most like to see are: greater protection of the environment; greater

respect for human rights; and better access to education. Here are the results:

**What should the international community prioritize to recover better from the pandemic?**



**Taking a longer view, if you picture the world you want in 25 years, what three things would you most want to see?**



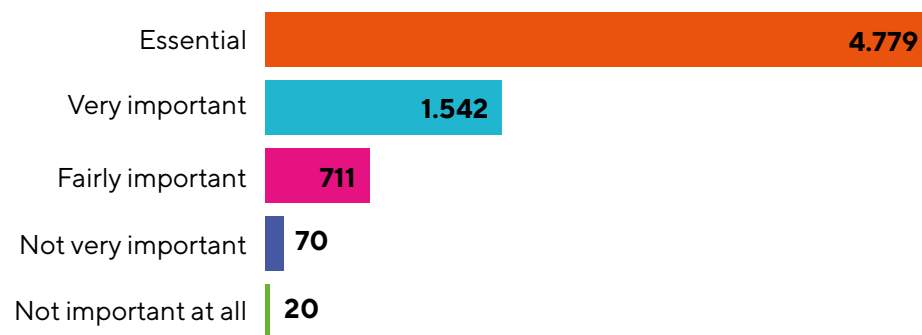
On the global trends that will most affect the future, Venezuelans first pointed to climate change and environmental problems, health-

related risks, and armed conflict and politically motivated violence, among others:

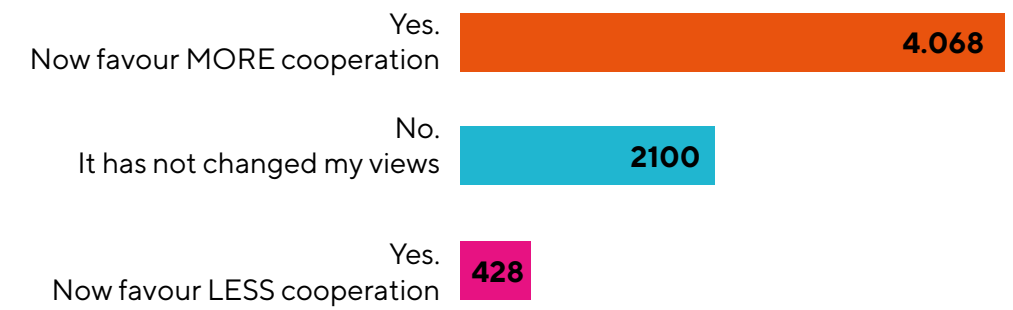
**Which of these global trends do you think will most affect our future?**



**How important – or not – is it for countries to work together to manage the above trends?**

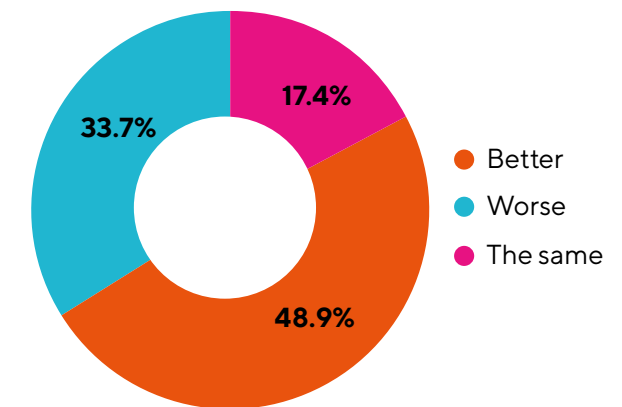


**Has Covid-19 changed your views on cooperation between countries?**



Overall, 48.9% of Venezuelans believe that in 2045 people will live better, 17.4% believe that they will be the same and 33.7% worse off than they are today:

**Overall, do you think that people in 2045 will be better off worse off, the same as you are today?**







*"The only way out is and will be collective work, where we respect each other, where we look at each other without discrimination and where we all feel included. Only then can we build a better world and leave no one behind".*

**Regina López de Khalek**  
Country director of UNAIDS in Venezuela



*"To create a better future, we need to ensure the best possible management of national and international migration, that it is orderly, regular and safe, and that the decision to migrate is treated with dignity as a driving force for progress and development. I invite you to respond to the UN survey and participate in the world's largest conversation."*

**Jorge Vallés**  
Chief of Mission and Representative of the  
IOM in Venezuela

Photo 1: OCR, Daniela Acevedo // Photo 2: OCR, Daniela Acevedo // Photo 3: OCHA, Gemma Cortés



# DIALOGUE LISTENING



# LEARNING

# DIALOGUES

## UN75

The UN75 dialogues were informal and formal conversations in which participants explored the 1-minute survey questions in depth, discussed priorities, concerns and solutions to the major global challenges, in line with the interests of their communities.

In Venezuela, the United Nations Country Team held 20 dialogues with more than 350 people from seven key groups: youth, women, communities, volunteers, indigenous peoples, academia, and the private sector.





# PRIORITIES FOR BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

Photo: UNICEF Venezuela

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS

More than 350 people participated in 20 digital and face-to-face conversations with the United Nations in Venezuela.

Their views reflect a world with:

1. Universal access to basic services such as health, water, sanitation, comprehensive education and internet.
2. Reduce inequalities among population groups.
3. Inclusive societies that fulfill the rights of all people, including LGBTI and people with disabilities.

4. Greater protection for the planet.
5. Peace and equality among countries.
6. Gender equality and no violence against girls and women.
7. Multilateralism and international cooperation.
8. A world with more unity and solidarity that meets the needs of those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and of vulnerable population.

 <p><b>UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO BASIC SERVICES</b></p>	 <p><b>REDUCE INEQUALITY AMONG POPULATION GROUPS</b></p>	 <p><b>INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES THAT FULFILL THE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE, INCLUDING LGBTI AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.</b></p>	 <p><b>GREATER PROTECTION FOR THE PLANET.</b></p>
 <p><b>PEACE AND EQUALITY AMONG COUNTRIES.</b></p>	 <p><b>GENDER EQUALITY AND NO VIOLENCE AGAINST GIRLS AND WOMEN.</b></p>	 <p><b>MULTILATERALISM AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.</b></p>	 <p><b>A WORLD WITH MORE UNITY AND SOLIDARITY THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF THOSE MOST AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND OF VULNERABLE POPULATION.</b></p>



*"2020 must be a year of dialogue in which we, as a human family, give our opinion and define the priorities and the way to build a better future for all. COVID-19 reminds us of the importance of multilateralism and cooperation to build societies and economies that are more equitable, inclusive and sustainable, more resilient to pandemics, climate change and the many challenges we face today."*

**Rosicler Gómez**  
UNDP Deputy Resident Representative  
in Venezuela



*"Today, as we face an unprecedented health challenge, we are also presented with the opportunity to work for and build a better future. COVID-19 reminds us that solidarity between peoples, individuals and groups is fundamental. We need more than ever to guarantee access to quality health systems for the entire population, including services for all, thus, reducing inequalities and building more resilient societies. This joint work with all sectors of society in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic is essential, without losing sight of other health challenges that we must face and solve in order to achieve the well-being of the population. From PAHO / WHO, we will continue working for the country, with commitment and a focus on Venezuelan individuals and families"*

**Paolo Balladelli**  
PAHO/WHO Head of Mission  
in Venezuela



"Contribute to quality health for everyone, so that no one is left behind."

Conversation with PAHO/WHO.

**ELIA SÁNCHEZ**

*Director of Environmental Health for the state of Sucre*



"Create more programs focused on education to combat inequality."

Dialogue with UNHCR, UNFPA, UNAIDS and the RCO.

**MANUEL RODRÍGUEZ**

*Economics student. LAMUN, Universidad Católica Andrés Bello.*



## UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO BASIC SERVICES



"Promote the use of technologies to satisfy basic needs such as water, food and medicine."

Dialogue with UNHCR, UNFPA, UNAIDS and the RCO.

**DIANA ARIZALETA**

*Student of Economics. HNMUN, Universidad Metropolitana (UNIMET)*



"The Internet as a basic service and a universal right of access for everyone."

Dialogue with UNHCR, UNFPA, UNAIDS and RCO.

**VERÓNICA ROJAS**

*student of architecture. WORLDMUN, Universidad Simón Bolívar*



**REDUCE INEQUALITY  
AMONG POPULATION  
GROUPS**



"Create social initiatives with children regardless of their community or social status, so that gaps can be reduced from an early age."

Dialogue with UNHCR, UNFPA, UNAIDS and RCO.

**MARÍA FERNANDA GIL**

*Student of liberal studies. METROMUN-LA.*



"The right to equality, a right where all of us from less privileged backgrounds can enjoy the benefits we deserve."

Dialogue with the RCO.

**ALEJANDRO CASTILLO**

*Community social communicator, Las Adjuntas community.*



"We are committed to creating a future where poverty is not a barrier to access education, social mobility and human development."

Dialogue with UNHCR, UNFPA, UNAIDS and the RCO.

**ALESSANDRA BRUTTINI**

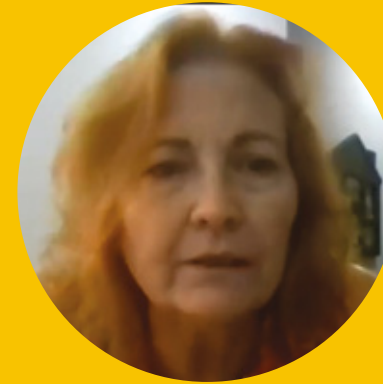
*UCAB Volunteer*



"To search a better world for all, especially for people with disabilities".

Conversation with UNAIDS.

**ANDRÉS GONZÁLEZ MAJUL**  
*Majul, communicator, photographer and filmmaker*



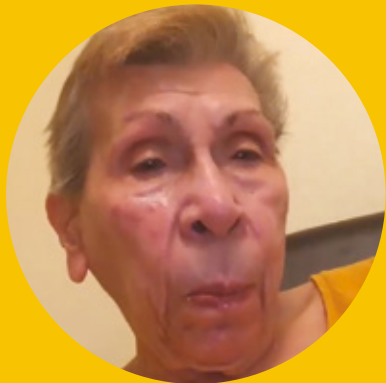
"The right to be useful to society".

Dialogue with the RCO.

**MARY CARMEN OCAÑA**  
*Member of Convite*



**INCLUSIVE  
SOCIETIES THAT  
FULFILL THE  
RIGHTS OF ALL  
PEOPLE,  
INCLUDING LGBTI  
AND PEOPLE WITH  
DISABILITIES.**



"A society that values all that they (older persons) have been contributing in all the years they have lived".

Dialogue with the RCO.

**ISOLDA HEREDIA**  
*Member of Convite*



"A dignified life, without racism or xenophobia".

Dialogue with the RCO.

**GISELA TOVAR**  
*member of Fundación Género con Clase*



"As a young Venezuelan I have realized that Mother Nature has sent us signs that we have not been good enough to her during all this time. However, there is still time to save her through small actions such as joining foundations and decreasing the use of plastic bags. Every little help from each one of us will allow us to make big changes, so we can enjoy a clean and healthy environment. Be part of this conversation and tell us what you envision for our future."

Conversation with UNHCR.

\*\*that was runner-up in the FIFA U-20 World Cup in South Korea.

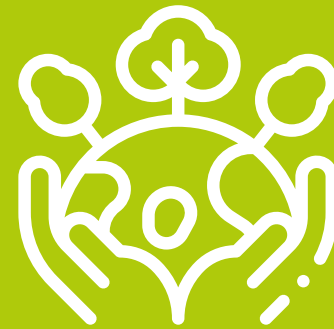
**RONALDO CHACÓN**  
*U-20 national team \*\**



"The most significant thing I would like is respect for the multi-ethnic diversity of our world, respect for this land that possesses all the wisdom and understanding to fix the people's and the planet's troubles."

Dialogue with UNHCR.

**NELSON MÉNDEZ**  
*Indigenous Baré*



**GREATER  
PROTECTION  
FOR THE  
PLANET.**

"For a green planet, full of peace."

Dialogue with UNHCR.

**DALIA CORREA**  
*Member of the Foundation Género con Clase*



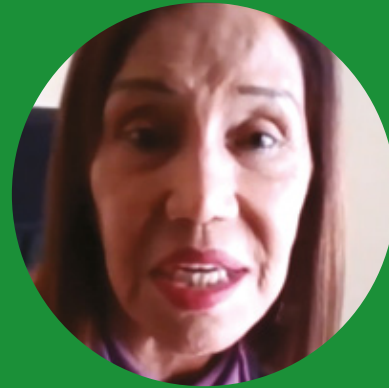
"Strengthen indigenous peoples' conservation initiatives like expanding their agricultural production through the "conucos" (land plots)."

Dialogue with UNHCR.

**CARMEN ADELA SILVA**  
*Indigenous Baré*



**PEACE AND  
EQUALITY  
AMONG  
COUNTRIES.**



"The right to peace: it is the fulfillment of all other rights."

Dialogue with the RCO.

**GISELA JIMÉNEZ**

*Member of the Foundation Género con Clase*

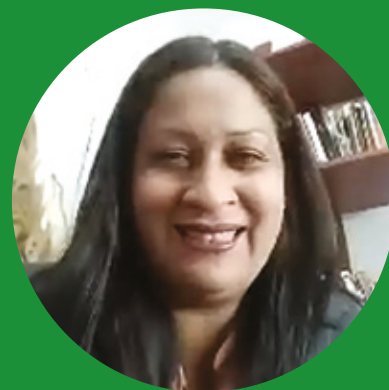


"The right to peace and the right to live free from all forms of violence."

Dialogue with the RCO.

**REBECA MADRIZ**

*Director of the Foundation Género con Clase*



"A world with equal democracies."

Dialogue with the RCO.

**ANYER HENRÍQUEZ**

*Member of the Foundation Género con Clase*



"The right of all women to decide over our bodies."

Dialogue with the RCO.

**SUZANY GONZÁLEZ**  
*Member of the Foundation Género con Clase*



"The right to political participation and decision-making in our countries."

Dialogue with the RCO.

**ANDREÍNA TARAZÓN**  
*Member of the Foundation Género con Clase*



**GENDER EQUALITY  
AND NO VIOLENCE  
AGAINST GIRLS AND  
WOMEN.**



"Promote empowerment programs to strengthen economic and political development as two fundamental pillars of the exercise of women's leadership."

Dialogue with UNDP.

**SUSANA REINA**  
*Director of Feminismo, Inc.*



"El derecho a una vida libre de toda forma de discriminación y violencia hacia las niñas, adolescentes y mujeres."

Dialogue with Género con Clase and RCO.

**MARÍA HERNÁNDEZ**  
*Member of the Foundation Género con Clase*



"Promote the use of data-analysis in all United Nations research institutions to guarantee better security for civilian populations."

Dialogue with UNHCR, UNFPA, UNAIDS and the RCO.

**ADELLE ZAPATA**  
*Student of psychology. UNIMET, WORLDMMUN*



"Create AITEC, or the Intercontinental Alliance against Cyberterrorism, an organized alliance of countries to protect the global cyberspace and fight against the new era of conflicts."

Dialogue with UNHCR, UNFPA, UNAIDS and the RCO.

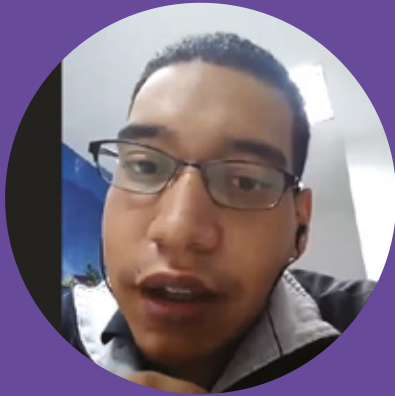
**MARCO YANES**  
*Student of medicine. HNMUM UCB*



"Humanity needs to question the development model and where it has led us to date in order to return to a path of sustainable development that will allow us to achieve the 2030 Agenda."

Dialogue with Género con Clase and RCO.

**AYBORI OROPEZA**  
*Member of the Foundation Género con Clase*



"We must be supportive and lend a helping hand to others if we want to achieve all these objectives for the future."

Dialogue with UNV and the RCO.

**MANUEL FIGUEROA**  
*UCAB Volunteer*



"Being more human will make us more sensitive in the world to come."

Dialogue with UNV and the RCO.

**LUIS SILVA**  
*Red Cross Volunteer*



A WORLD WITH MORE UNITY  
AND SOLIDARITY THAT MEETS  
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AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19  
PANDEMIC AND OF  
VULNERABLE POPULATION.



"We must be united to build a better future."

Dialogue with UNHCR.

**CARLOS MARÍN**  
*Indigenous Jivi*



"Continue shaping a better future for our country."

Dialogue with the RCO.

**CARMEN MEDINA**  
*Director of the Foundation Sueños Dorados*



# PRIORITIES DEFINED BY POPULATION GROUPS

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Following are the priorities for building a better future according to the population groups that participated in UN75 dialogues.



*"Can you imagine being able to share with the world how you want us to be beyond 2020? The United Nations gives you the opportunity. Participate!"*

**Marilyn Viloría**  
Mezzo-soprano of *El Sistema*



*"The global dialogue from our communities is to build capacity in the simplest, trusting women and youth, especially in this time of pandemic when domestic violence is on the rise. This is the global dialogue, that is what makes the world a family. Where everyone is included, everyone has their place and puts their abilities at the service of others."*

**Jeannette Makenga**  
Director of the Center for the Integral Promotion of Children, conversation with UNICEF



# YOUTH

The United Nations spoke with 150 young people including Model United Nations (MUN) students from public and private universities who spoke with UNHCR, UNAIDS, UNFPA and the RCO; young people from 13 organizations nationwide with UNFPA in a dialogue entitled “8 million reasons”; young social leaders from the Grupo Alpha Civil Association and digital entrepreneurs with UNDP and the Impact Hub; young social entrepreneurs from Reto U, a nationwide Rotary Club, Social Alliance Venamcham and Mercantil Foundation program that promotes projects to support the achievement of the SDGs, who spoke with the RCO, and young students from public and private universities who held a conversation with UNESCO-IESALC and the RCO.

Young people discussed, among others, the global challenges posed by conflict and violence, inequalities and new technologies. In the meeting with UNFPA «8 million reasons», youth addressed their core concerns about education, including sexual education, life opportunities and dreams, human rights, and diversity, as well as their empowerment and mobilization.

## PRIORITIES FOR BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

1. Promote equal rights and access to opportunities, basic goods and services (health, employment, education), including the new inequalities generated by the Fourth Industrial Revolution.
2. Invest in knowledge, development of new sets of skills and in education that responds to the needs of the 21st century to harness the potential of technology and turn it into an opportunity.
3. Promote sustainable development as the key to reduce conflict and violence. Renew the United Nations, reformulate treaties and address new threats to security.

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

UNFPA, UNHCR, UNAIDS and the Office of the Resident Coordinator invited young university students that have taken part of the Model United Nations to hold a conversation on the topics of their interest: inequalities, new technologies and the new era of conflict. These are some of their proposals:



 LISTEN TO THE OPINIONS, IDEAS, AND PRIORITIES OF THE PARTICIPANTS





*"Promote North-South cooperation in order to enhance technology transfers from more developed countries to developing countries".*

**LAURA HURTADO**

student of international studies,  
WORLD MUN, *Universidad Central de Venezuela*



*"Support the creation of national laws that reinforce habeas data as a universal right."*

**RICARDO LARRAZÁBAL**

Law student, HNMUN,  
*Universidad Católica Andrés Bello*



*"Promote internationally the prohibition of lethal autonomous weapons systems to prevent their use in conflicts."*

**FRANKDER PÉREZ**

Student of International Studies,  
NMUN, *Universidad Central de Venezuela*



*"Design training workshops for people whose jobs have been put at risk by the 4.0 Industry, in collaboration with private and public companies."*

**MARÍA FERNANDA GIL**

Student of Liberal Studies,  
METROMUN-LA, *Universidad Metropolitana*



*"Create more inclusive and less polarized societies through the articulation of networks that serve to communicate communities' requests and receive responses from the authorities in a cooperative environment."*

**PEDRO BERMÚDEZ**

Student of political and administrative studies, NNUM,  
*Universidad Central de Venezuela*



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## YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS

The Resident Coordinator Office spoke with 19 young leaders under the age of 35, of recognized political trajectory and representing all sectors of the country, including 11 parties from the Venezuelan political spectrum. In three zoom sessions, they discussed the future as part of the UN75 initiative and highlighted the importance of counting on youth to recover better from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Priorities for building a better future:

- Promote a more responsible, empathetic, supportive and optimistic world, in which multilateralism and cooperation between countries prevail, as well as more responsible citizens with shared values for human well-being, whose capacities have been strengthened to monitor environmental progress.
- Promote more inclusive societies, with equitable opportunities and guaranteed rights, including access to technology,

knowledge, education, food, health and water, without discrimination or impunity.

- Promote more citizen participation in key decision making for sustainable development, as well as democratic governments that guarantee social justice and welfare programs with a long-term vision.
- Build societies free from all types of violence, including gender-based violence.

Renown specialists took part of these dialogues, such as the prominent Latin American sociologist Fernando Calderón, who gave a magisterial conference on the mega trends, challenges and opportunities for development, and on the main findings of his most recent book, written with Manuel Castells, “A New Latin America” (Fondo de Cultura Económica, 2019). Also, young Venezuelan leaders had the opportunity to interact with George Gray Molina, UNDP senior economist, who presented a set of reflections on the world outlook for 2045 and the critical and urgent decisions that must be taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to promote development.

As part of the United Nation’s growing efforts to reiterate its commitment to youth empowerment, an exchange was held with the Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth, Jayathma Wickramanayake, during which young leaders got to know the main aspects of the UN Youth Strategy, which serves as the framework to address the needs and promote youth rights around the world. During the meeting, the young leaders reflected on the important role that youth play in the prevention and resolution of conflicts, as well as in the efforts to maintain and consolidate peace at international level.

These dialogues were specially designed to promote the participation and commitment of young political leaders with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in particular with the SDG16 which seeks to consolidate peace, justice and strong institutions, in line with the Youth, Peace and Security agenda promoted by the United Nations worldwide.

# THE FUTURE WE WANT



## Group

# THE FUTURE WE WANT



"A key element to empower young people is to connect them with other young people working on different things and who are active members of other spheres."

"This exchange allows us, as future government leaders, to recognize one other, respect one other and work together in common areas."



"Through the UN Youth Strategy, we have the opportunity to be the voice of the voiceless."

"If there is any association that we must make between the present and the future, it is that youth is a driving force that can bring that future to the present."

# 1.

"I hope that we can always work side by side for the transformation we want to see in Venezuela and the world."

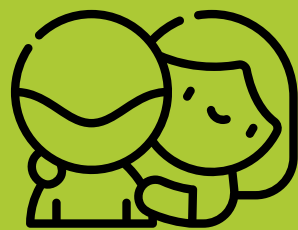


# 2.

"We find common ground as a generation. In our diversity, these meetings have allowed us to come together to consolidate peace".



"We are the most committed generation to reducing scenarios of conflict in favor of building a better world."



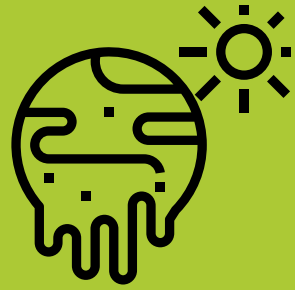
"We are human beings, and we need to build solidarity based on knowledge to make progress towards dialogue and articulation."

"It is about a struggle for the values that we promote and that we wish for the Venezuelan and global youth."

## Group

# THE FUTURE WE WANT

"Environmental emergencies and climate change have negative consequences for everyone. Environmental policies that are being put aside need to be put at the center."



"In the aftermath of the pandemic, we must review our economic systems and promote new ones that recognize individual desires and the diversity of our societies".



"We are ready to build peace; we have taken incredible steps".

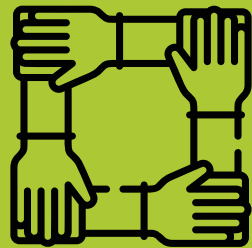
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# 3.

"We have managed to foster empathy, we have not lowered our flags, but we have moved together towards an understanding of the other".



"If we join forces, we can have a more equitable world and in that way our societies can be more inclusive".

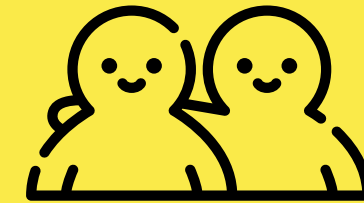


# THE FUTURE WE WANT

"We recognize ourselves as subjects of the present time, that must challenge those who are currently in charge in our search for solutions".



## Group



"There is much more desire for building bridges than there is for building walls that separate us forever".

"We can get ahead in the face of adversity and fight for the rights of Venezuelan youth".

# 4.

"I am sure that there will be many coincidences, because problems do not discriminate, and the future each one of us wants may look a lot alike".



"Peace is more than the absence of war. It is the possibility of living with our fundamental services, it is inclusion, and, above all, it is tolerance".



# INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

The UNHCR Guasdalito Office, along with its partner Fogones y Bandera, carried out an intergenerational discussion in Puerto Ayacucho with the Jivi and Baré indigenous ethnic groups from Platanillal and Coromoto, Amazonas, with whom they work, to find out their vision of the future.

People between the ages of 24 and 74, teachers, volunteers, community leaders, community members and chefs discussed

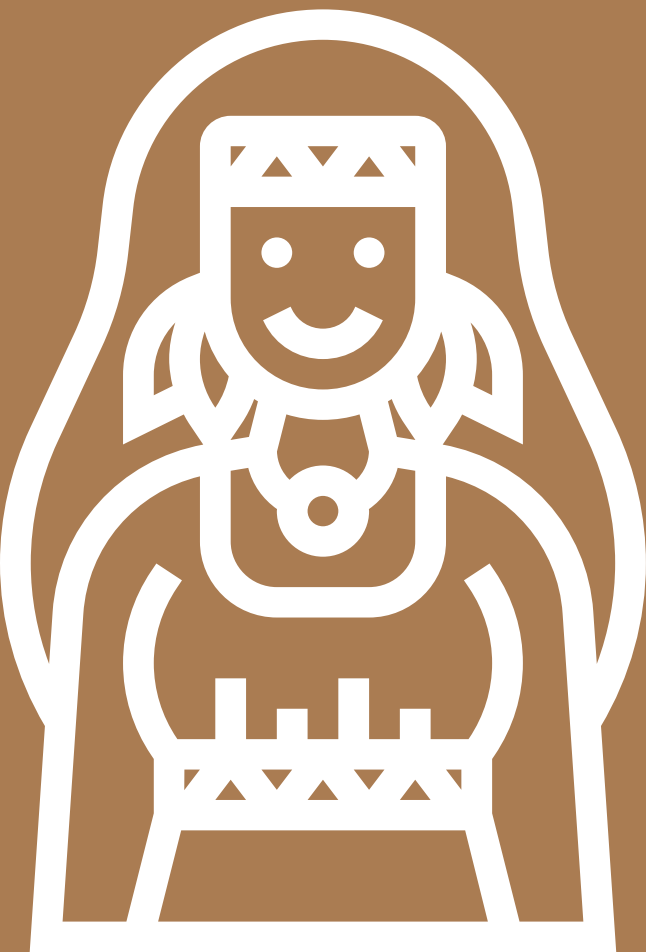
the identity of indigenous peoples, self-sustainability and resilience, as well as community empowerment.

## PRIORITIES FOR BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE:

1. Promote and value UNUMA: union, respect and solidarity among the members of the community.
2. Recover and promote traditional livelihoods to build the resilience of peoples, allowing them to be better prepared to face crises.
3. Improve access to basic services such as education, health, security, transportation, and legal registration.



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*"We want society to learn from the indigenous peoples: their ancient culture, cosmovision, worldview, gastronomy, their habits and customs."*

**MERCY SARMIENTO**  
Jivi indigenous  
Dialogue with UNHCR



*"Work towards the future in unity, cooperation and what indigenous people call UNUMA (work in unity). We want the unity of different ethnic groups: Wotuja, Jivi, Kurripako and Baré among others."*

**CARLOS MARÍN**  
Jivi indigenous  
Dialogue with UNHCR



*"Strengthen the knowledge and practices of indigenous communities, such as handicrafts. Let each woman pass it on to her daughters and that in the future the whole world knows our crafts."*

**ISMELDE ÁLVAREZ**  
Jivi indigenous  
Dialogue with UNHCR

# WOMEN

Seventy women including entrepreneurs, rights defenders who work in the justice, digital, humanitarian, community and gender sectors in different regions of the country who held a conversation with Feminismo, Inc. and UNDP; girls, teenagers and retired women, workers who care for the elderly, from feminist and LGBTI organizations, peasant women, afro-descendants, communal and indigenous women who held a conversation with the Fundación Género con Clase and the RCO; and middle-aged women, women over 60, human rights defenders, who held a dialogue with Convite and the RCO, agreed that the future of the world is feminine.

The various groups discussed, among others, the challenges posed by inequality, including gender inequality; conflict and violence; demographic changes, and new technologies.



## PRIORITIES FOR BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE:

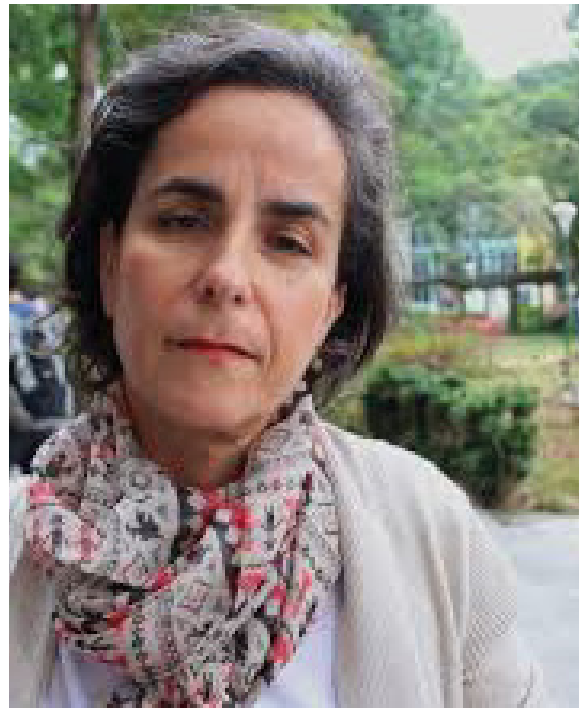
1. Generate changes in the structures and behaviors that legitimize and generate inequality in the public and private spheres.
2. Recognize violence against girls and women as a problem for development, education, justice and human rights, and design comprehensive programs to address it.
3. Guarantee access to basic services such as health, water, sanitation, and electricity for all, and in particular for women, rural women and older persons.



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Women are optimistic about the future. Progress in the fulfilment of women's rights was identified as the legacy of women who have fought for the recognition and exercise of these rights. There has been progress, but much remains to be done. They concluded that it is important to maintain a critical perspective that strengthens and promotes the achievements in a continuous struggle for gender equality in the world.

In their proposals for a better future, women are convinced that the future of the world is feminine. The way forward is to eradicate structural and functional discrimination against women in all spheres of life, especially the cultural, economic and political spheres, in order to achieve gender equality and a better future for all.



*Featured messages:  
"Girls and women have suffered disproportionately during the pandemic, adding to pre-existing vulnerabilities that further undermine the realization of their rights. Therefore, funding for recovery efforts that place girls and women at the center of the humanitarian response must be prioritized."*

**SUSANA RAFFALLI**

Specialist in public nutrition and food security, human rights defender

Dialogue with *Feminismo, Inc.* and UNDP



*"Expand communication rights to promote the diversity of society, such as the inclusion of expert women, as well as the voices of black, indigenous and migrant women."*

**LUZ MELY REYES**

Director of Efecto Cocuyo

Dialogue with *Feminismo, Inc.* and UNDP



*"Promote the right to the integral development of life regardless of any type of orientation, identity or expression of gender."*

**MAYKELI FERRER**

Member of the Foundation Género con Clase

Dialogue with the RCO



*"Work towards the clear elimination of barriers to women's full political participation, with conditions to compete fairly and equitably for office, and greater participation of marginalized women, including indigenous, disabled, rural and LGBT women."*

**NATALIA BRANDLER**

Director of GEPAL, founder and director of CAUCE

Dialogue with *Feminismo, Inc.* and UNDP

# VOLUNTEERS

Humanity

Solidarity

Commitment

Empathy

Awareness



Twenty-five volunteers from the public and private sectors, between the ages of 20 and 55, members of the FIPAN network, KPMG, Cargil Venezuela, Pepsico, Dividendo Voluntario, OCHA, Inameh, UCAB, and the Red Cross from Carabobo and Lara, spoke with UNV and the RCO about the global challenges around new technologies, inequality and climate change.

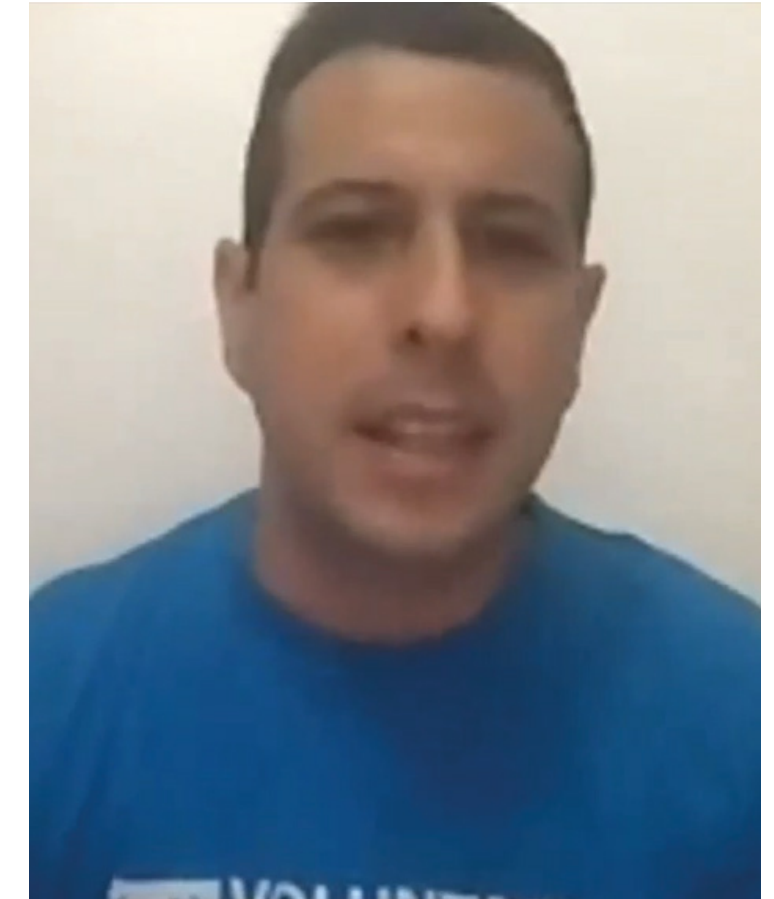
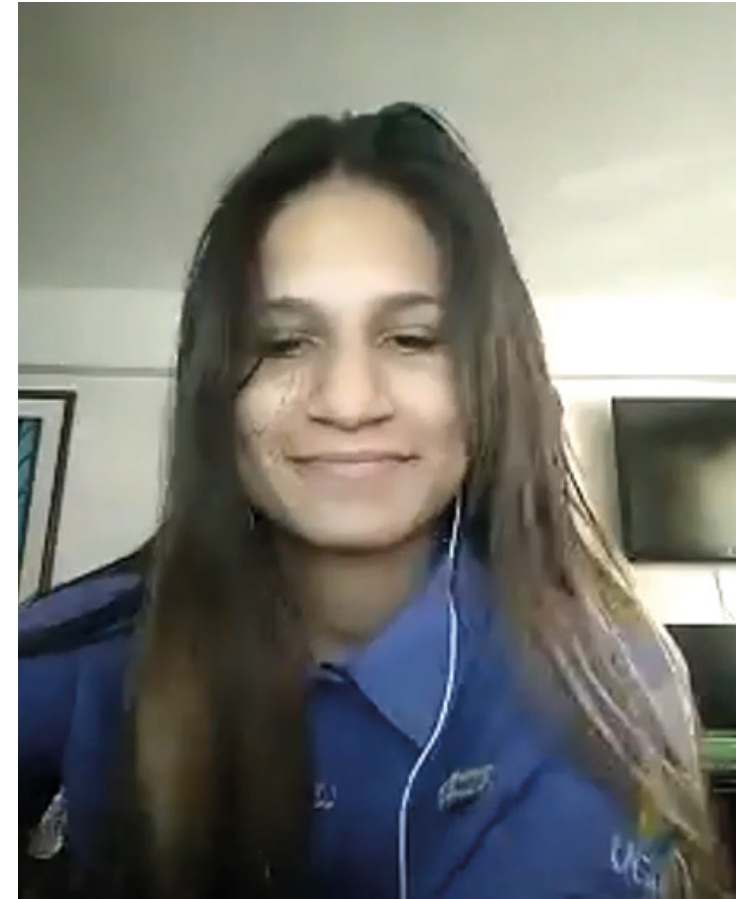
## **PRIORITIES FOR BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE:**

1. Promote inclusive societies with equal opportunities for all, without distinction of gender, nationality, religion, class or ideas.
2. Provide greater access to technology and knowledge through education.
3. Adopt a green economy, generate greater environmental awareness and sustainable consumption patterns.



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*"Commitment with the goals set out and with the work we develop in the communities where we work and other places."*

**ARIANNY REYES**  
UNICEF Volunteer



*"Create consciousness. It is one of the fundamental values."*

**ANTONIO BLANCO**  
Community volunteer at the INAMEH



*"Equity and teamwork makes everything we set up to do, happens."*

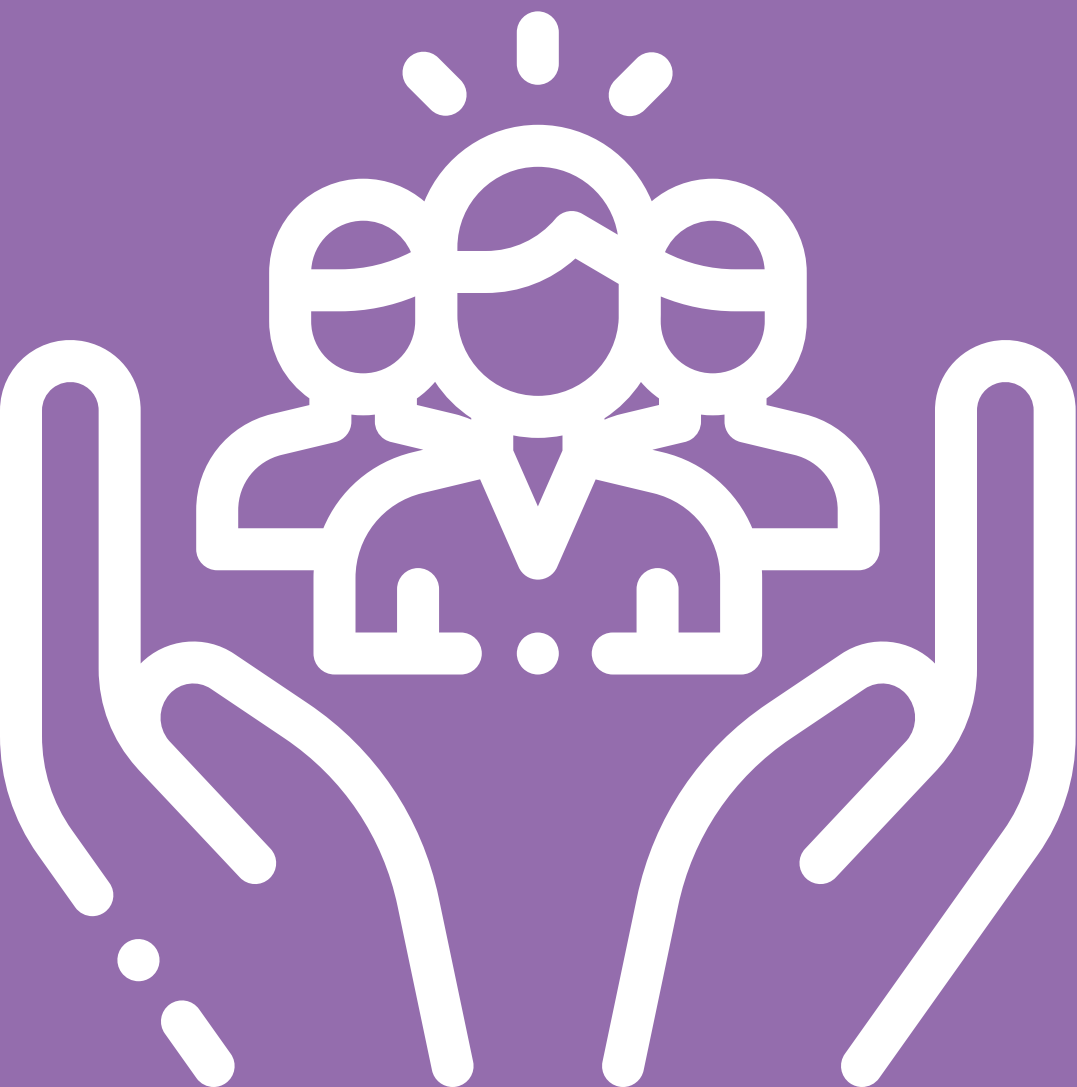
**DIANA GARCÍA**  
UCAB Volunteer



*"Help each other overcome the barriers that hold back sustainable development."*

**ANTONIO GARCÍA**  
OCHA Volunteer

# COMMUNITIES



The United Nations visited and spoke with three communities: Las Adjuntas, San Agustín and 23 de enero. More than 60 people, between the ages of 20 and 60, spoke about the global challenges stemming from inequalities, climate change, trust between governments and peoples, technology, and conflict and violence.

## PRIORITIES FOR BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE:

1. Eradicate poverty and inequality by ensuring equitable access to basic goods and services such as health, water, employment, pension, and food security. Promote the reactivation of land production.
2. Address climate change through economic transformation based on sustainable development and strengthen awareness to live in harmony with the planet.

3. Restore trust between governments and citizens by improving state functions, strengthening community organization and managing resources with social justice.
4. Promote equality between countries and end the economic blockade against Venezuela.



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*"I hope the quality of life of my grandchildren will be much better and that they can live on a greener planet."*

**ROSA CELIS**

Dialogue Sueños Dorado Foundation and RCO

*"I wish to have a more human, fraternal and supportive future, where everyone can enjoy a good quality life."*

**YULIANIS RAMÍREZ**

Neighbor of the Parroquia 23 de enero Dialogue with the RCO

*"In 25 years, I hope to live in a Venezuela full of opportunities for youth, with justice, peace and equality."*

**ANGÉLICA VILLAMIZAR**

Neighbor of the Parroquia 23 de enero Dialogue with the RCO

*"I hope that the UN will work to build the capacities of communities. One alone cannot do much, but united with the community we can achieve a lot."*

**JOANNA RYMEN**

sister at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Vicariate, Parroquia 23 de enero Dialogue with the RCO

*"I would like there to be more equality and respect for the peoples."*

**ROSAURA SIFONTES**

Neighbor of San Agustín Dialogue with the RCO

# ACADEMIA

More than 20 rectors and directors from public and private universities and more than 20 students spoke with UNESCO-IESALC and the RCO about inequalities, climate change, new technologies, gender and diversity, as well as culture and education.

## PRIORITIES FOR BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE:

1. Promote quality education as a guarantee of development for the future.
2. Develop new technologies at the service of social needs and safeguard their effective use.
3. Promote the role of youth as a driver of innovation and of socially responsible initiatives.

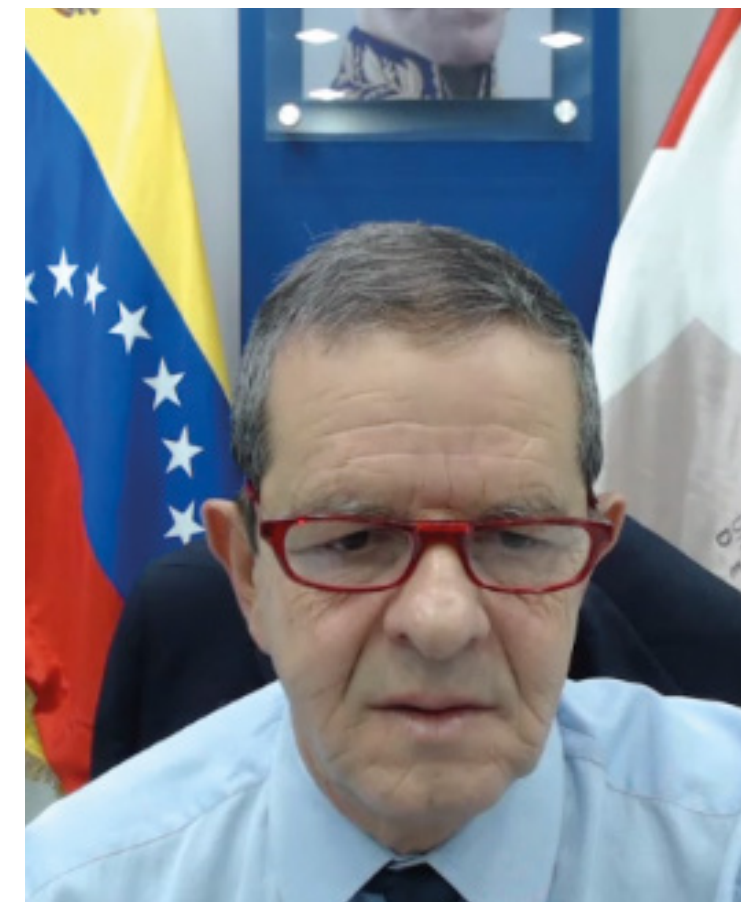
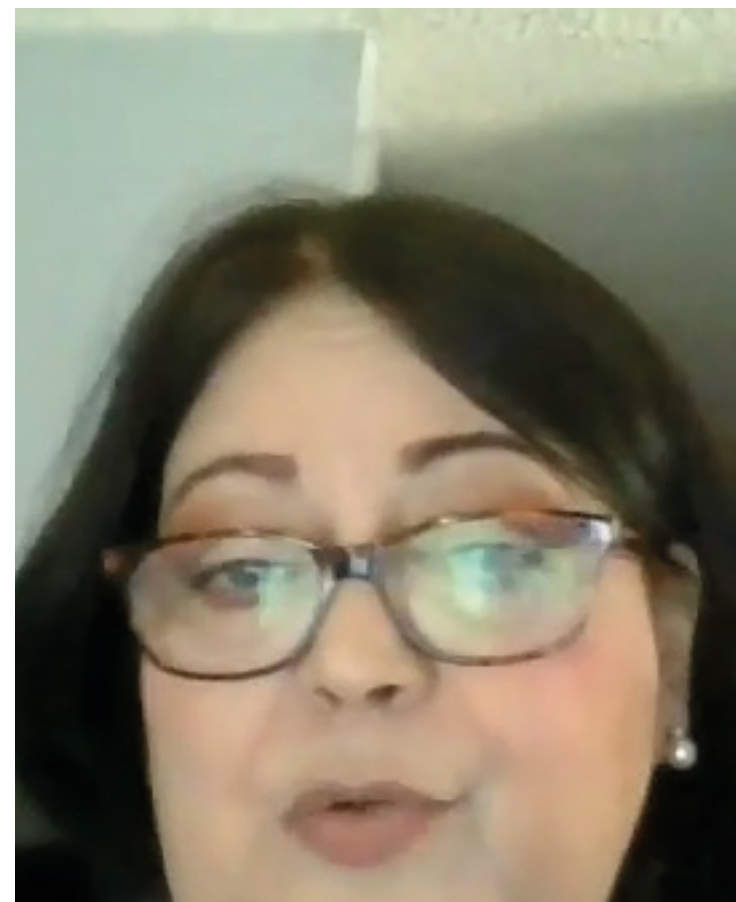
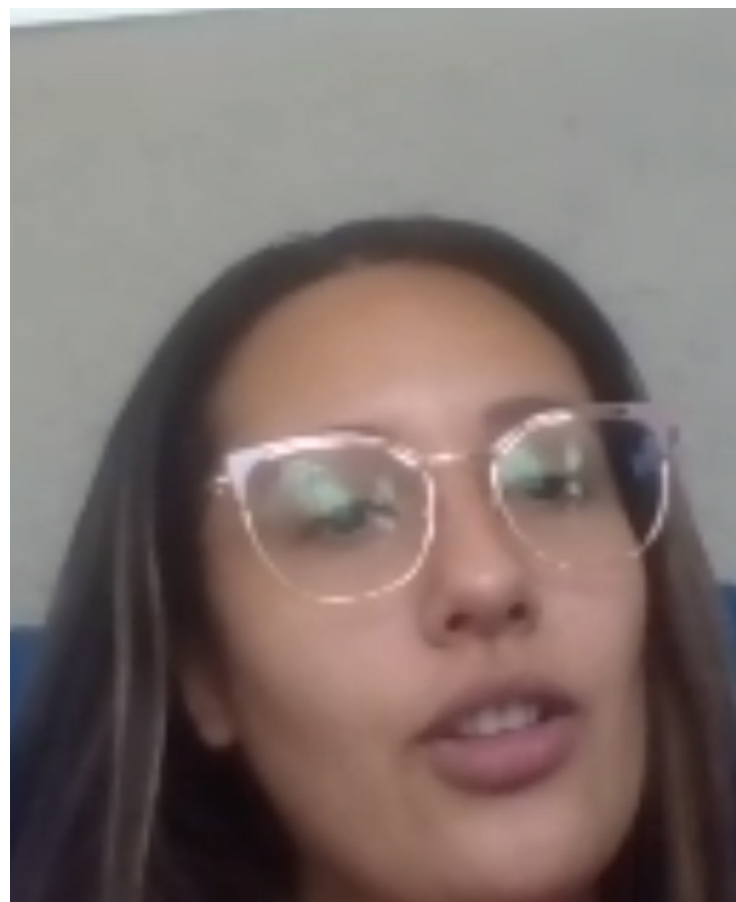
## THE VENEZUELAN UNIVERSITY AS AN ENGINE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Universities and higher education centers play a fundamental role in the development of countries. Through collective and coordinated action, they have the potential to improve access to quality knowledge, promote research and innovation as development pillars, strengthen social leadership and develop policies to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

As a follow-up to the UN75 dialogues, UNESCO-IESALC and the RCO will promote a network of universities to work towards the SDGs with the aim of promoting platforms at the forefront of knowledge and the design of solutions based on innovation.



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*"If we don't put into practice the lessons learned during the pandemic, inequality will definitely worsen 25 years from now."*

**ANA RODRÍGUEZ**

University student  
Dialogue with young university students, RCO and UNESCO-IESALC



*"New technologies must go hand in hand with policies aimed at advancing development and environment issues."*

**SAMUEL ARCIA**

University student  
Dialogue with young university students, RCO and UNESCO-IESALC.



*"It is necessary to humanize education, making future generations understand the need to work in their own development as integral human beings, raising awareness and promoting peaceful coexistence with their environment."*

**RITA ELENA AÑEZ**

Rector of Universidad Nacional Experimental Politécnica Antonio José de Sucre (UNEXPO)  
Dialogue with academic authorities, RCO and UNESCO-IESALC



*"Strengthen universities to become centers of excellence and equal education, that educate men and women of principles and values, in which human and social aspects prevail."*

**GUISEPPE CACIPPO OLIVERI**

Rector of the Universidad Nacional Experimental de la Seguridad (UNES). Dialogue with academic authorities, RCO and UNESCO-IESALC

# PRIVATE SECTOR



## VENEZUELA SUSTAINABILITY BUSINESS FORUM 2020

More than 100 national and international companies joined the United Nations in a dialogue focused on sustainability. The Venezuela 2020 Sustainability Business Forum defined five keys to guide an action agenda with the aim of accelerating the achievement of the SDGs as part of the Decade of Action and UN75:

1. Commitment with the country: the initiatives shared during the forum show an active private sector committed to the country, that continues working in the context of COVID-19. Communicate more on what is being done in this context and the SDG contributions of small, medium and large companies is key to strengthening actions and joining forces.
2. Adaptation, updating and reinvention: the SDGs are the roadmap, and the “new normal” projects a horizon that differs from a back-to-business scenario, that focuses on a medium and long-term future that promotes human rights, decent employment and the environment, principles of the United Nations Global Compact, among others.
3. Alignment of the core business with the SDGs: sustainability is good business and projects companies as agents of economic growth and social change.
4. Prioritize urgent sustainable development actions and promote medium and long-term ones: project guiding agreements that place the human being at the center of actions to address urgent needs of SDGs such as an end to poverty, zero hunger, health and well-being, education; and at the same time promote medium and long-term SDG solutions such as industry, innovation and infrastructure; production, responsible consumption, and action for the climate.
5. Partnerships and agreements to multiply impacts that meet the country’s needs: develop a macro perspective, increasing the impact through partnerships and public-private agreements at the national and local levels. Joining efforts is the first step towards accelerating the SDGs in the country.

# THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND SUSTAINABILITY IN VENEZUELA

This innovative space for dialogue and exchange of experiences among socially responsible companies generated synergies and spaces for action together with the Agencies, Funds and Programs of the United Nations in Venezuela, including UNICEF, UNFPA, FAO, UNDP, UNIDO, and the Global Compact, UN WOMEN and the Global Reporting Initiative to promote sustainability, with the aim of achieving inclusive economic and social growth, with gender equality and in harmony with the planet, recovering to build a better future in the demanding context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Venezuelan Sustainability Business Forum has been profiled as a space for dialogue and action that will take place annually in the country, organized jointly with the private sector, and that will promote the definition of joint and collaborative action for accelerating the SDGs.

# BUSINESS SUSTAINABILITY FORUM VZLA 2020



# DECADE OF ACTION



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE VENEZUELA 2020 BUSINESS SUSTAINABILITY FORUM



*"I am convinced that we need wanted pregnancies, safe births, to eliminate all harmful practices against women and girls, and to allow young people to reach their full potential. And what changes would you like to see for a better future?"*

**Jorge González Caro**  
National Representative  
of UNFPA



*"As part of the UN, UNICEF reiterates its highest commitment to continue working for the rights of children and adolescents. We invite you to respond to the global survey in which you will be able to give us your opinion and feedback on how to continue working better for children and adolescents in Venezuela and around the world."*

**Javier Álvarez**  
UNICEF Deputy Representative  
in Venezuela





# CONTEST

## Composing your Future



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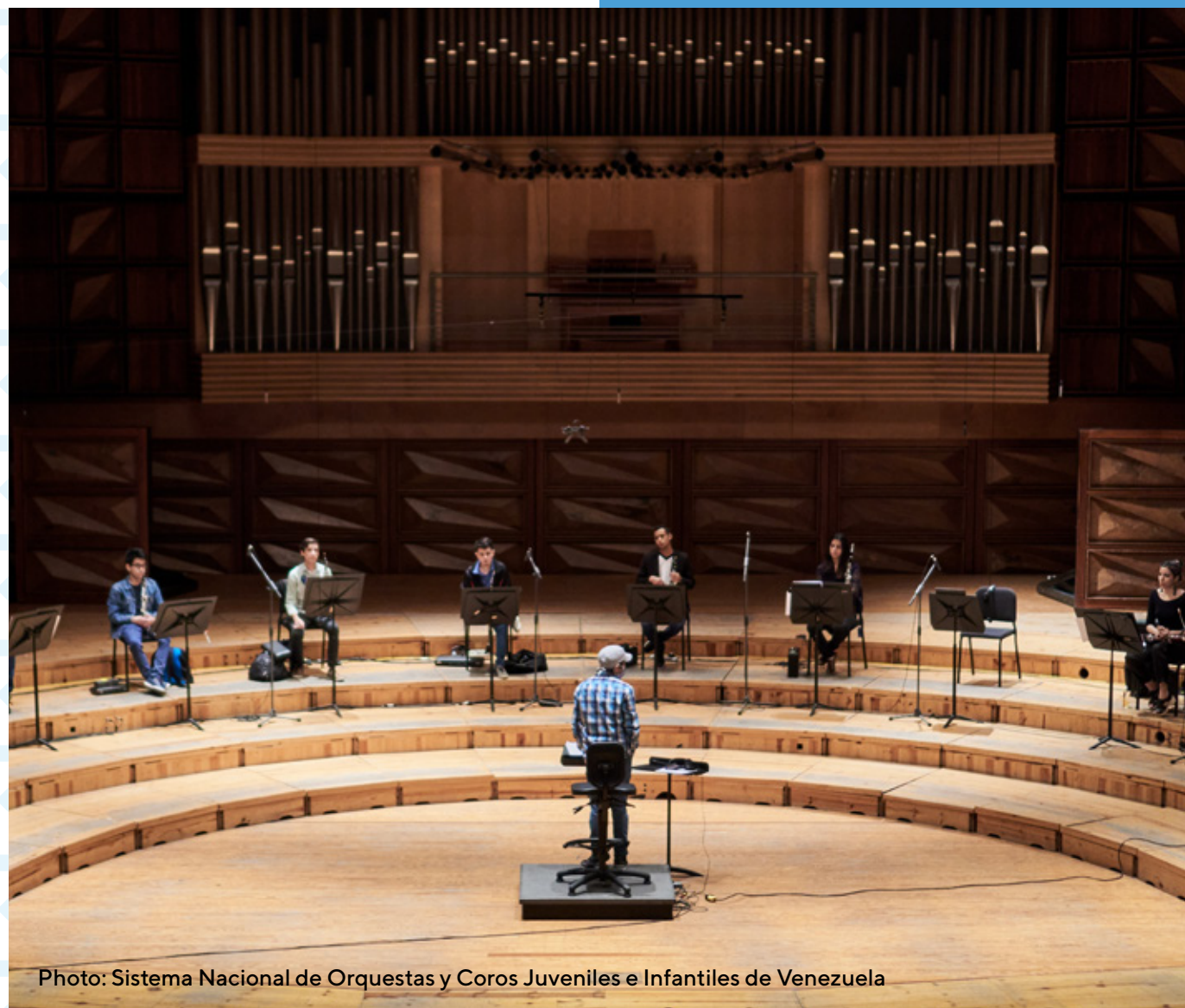


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Young Venezuelans inspired the world to build a better future through the transformative power of music. On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, the UN Country Team in Venezuela and “El Sistema”, the National System of Youth and Children’s Orchestras and Choirs of Venezuela, launched the contest “Composing Your Future”, which invited musicians between the ages of 18 and 30 to compose a piece in the symphonic and choral-symphonic genre, inspired by the central theme of “The Future We Want”.

Living in harmony with the planet, fulfilling human rights, education, love, equality, solidarity, the right of children to live a happy life, perseverance and hope for a better future are some of the messages that inspired 32 young composers to write the new music that will inspire the world to build a better future together.

### THE WINNING AUTHORS AND THEIR MESSAGES

The works awarded from the cities of Barquisimeto, Upata and Los Teques were created by three young composers of great talent who inspired the jury with their proposals: Julio Landaeta, winner of the first place with the work “Laberinto Encantado” (Enchanted Labyrinth); Fernando Rivas of the second place with the work “Epifanías del cataclismo” (Epiphanies of the Cataclysm) and Jorge Díaz of the third place with the work “Amalivaca”.

*“My work is inspired by the theory of the great metaphysical master of the 20th century Neville Goddard, from whom I have learned the feeling of desire fulfilled. If I stumble, I get up and go on with resilience and perseverance.”* Julio Landaeta.

*“Use music as a linguistic channel to unite all nations in the same purpose, to overcome crises and give the hope we need for the future.”* Fernando Rivas.

*“We must build societies based on respect, equality, tolerance and equality of thought, with full access to technology so that today’s youth can face global challenges.”* Jorge Díaz.

The jury, composed by Peter Grohmann, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator of the UN in Venezuela, Eduardo Méndez, Executive Director of El Sistema, and world-renowned maestros Lourdes Sánchez, Alfredo Rugeles, Pablo Castellanos, Orlando Cardozo and Rodolfo Saglimbeni, examined a total of 32 musical proposals from all regions of the country, taking into account factors such as orchestration, organology, discourse, textures, writing, theme and the general vision of each work.

*“We are convinced of the power of the universal language of music to inspire and call for collective action to build more inclusive, peaceful and resilient societies, with gender equality, protecting the planet and accelerating the Sustainable Development Goals.”* UN Resident Coordinator Peter Grohmann.

*“El Sistema joins the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, with whom we have carried out “Composing your Future” to encourage the young musicians of El Sistema to create the new music that will serve as motivation and inspiration to advance towards a better future.”* Eduardo Méndez, Executive Director of El Sistema.

The virtual award ceremony consisted of delivering certificates to the first, second and third place, accompanied by a symbolic prize, a ceremony that highlighted the opinions of young composers and their key messages.

## DOING MUSIC IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

The ambitious project of giving life to the winning piece, an unpublished composition, consisted in making the performance of 65 young musicians from the Simón Bolívar 45th Anniversary Orchestra possible, in accordance with the rules of distance to prevent COVID-19. This task was possible thanks to the world-class educational, artistic and professional team of El Sistema, which also had the collaboration of recognized professionals such as a team of sound and editing engineers who have worked with institutions such as the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Hollywood Bowl.

Young people who participated in the contest inspired the world with their messages and music to build a better future. Together with El Sistema, the United Nations celebrated the culmination of this initiative, highlighting the joint work in promoting the rights and development of Venezuelan children and youth.

The UN and El Sistema have a longstanding partnership working in the promoting of social inclusion, peace and the resilience of children and youth in Venezuela. Among other initiatives, El Sistema is UNDP Promoter of Sustainable Human Development and UNICEF National Goodwill Ambassador.

More than one million children and youth are part of El Sistema, set up through 443 centers and 1704 modules throughout the country in urban and rural areas of Venezuela, making the plan for social transformation that Maestro Abreu dreamed of in 1975 a reality. The artistic and educational model has been replicated in more than 70 countries, giving access to the arts, culture and music to millions of children and young people around the world.

On its 75th anniversary, the United Nations promoted social inclusion and the rights of children and youth with El Sistema.

## VIRTUAL EXHIBIT UN75 GOOGLE ARTS & CULTURE

The winning work of the contest Composing your Future “The Enchanted Labyrinth” was published as a prominent work along with more than 500 works of art created to inspire the world in building a better future in the UN75 Virtual Exhibit together with Google Arts & Culture.

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*"To create a better future it is essential that all women have universal access to comprehensive health, ensuring information, diagnosis and specialized and dignified treatment, and that we reduce by 100% the mortality rate in women with breast, uterus, lung, ovarian, endometrial and thyroid cancer in the next 25 years. I invite you to respond to the United Nations survey and participate in the world's largest conversation."*

**Luisa Rodríguez**  
President of *Funcamama*,  
conversation with OCHA



*"The global health crisis by COVID-19 has given us the opportunity to reflect on the things we truly appreciate and our most basic needs. Food is the essence of life and the cornerstone of our cultures and communities. This year the United Nations and FAO are celebrating their 75th anniversary. It is time to ratify our commitment to achieve the eradication of hunger and all forms of malnutrition. Achieving inclusive, sustainable and resilient agri-food systems is a major challenge that all must take up for a better future."*

**Rolf Hackbart**  
FAO Representative a.i.



# UN75 CONCERT



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The United Nations celebrated its 75th anniversary with a concert entitled *"Building a better future to leave no one behind,"* which was broadcast on Saturday, November 14 at 9 PM on Venevisión. The program was made up of citizen voices from all walks of life, more than 12 artists and musical groups, personalities and representatives of the United Nations Agencies, Funds and Programs in Venezuela, who expressed their opinions on the global priorities that we need to face as a human family in order to shape a better future.

Guaco, Kobi Cantillo, Huáscar Barradas, Sharlene Taulé, Aquiles Báez, C4Trío, Jhoabeat, Maleh, Gran Radio Riviera, Aditus and El Sistema, with the winning piece of the contest *Composing your Future "El Laberinto Encantado"* by Julio Landaeta interpreted by the Simón Bolívar Orchestra 45th Anniversary, are some of the artists who raised their voices in favor of a better future, joining the more than 7,100 women, indigenous peoples, communities, musicians, young people, students, seniors, volunteers, social organizations, academic and private sectors that have participated in the largest conversation in the world from all over Venezuela.

The results of the global listening exercise that the United Nations launched on its 75th anniversary show a world on the edge, with crises exacerbated by the pandemic, but clear about its aspirations. Across regions, ages and social groups, respondents broadly agreed on their priorities for the future.

The concert inspired the country through music and the messages of Venezuelans about the world in which they want to live, a world with universal access to basic services such as health, water, sanitation, comprehensive education and the internet; equality, more inclusive societies that realize the rights of all

people, including LGBTI people and people with different capacities; greater protection of the planet; peace and equality between countries; gender equality and freedom from violence against girls and women; a united and more caring world that meets the needs of the groups most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and vulnerable populations.



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“During the pandemic, we have seen heroes without capes, who day after day risk their lives to safeguard ours. That is why I pay tribute to all the doctors, nurses and health personnel who are on the front lines facing this virus that has changed our lives. We, too, must safeguard our lives by applying all necessary preventive measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The future is in our hands.”



**MALEH**



“Water is extremely scarce in many parts of the world. 40% of the world's population is seriously affected by the lack of drinking water. C4 Trío invites you to use water sustainably.”



**HÉCTOR MOLINA  
C4 TRÍO**

“In emergency contexts, gender-based violence increases and domestic violence continues to be the most common form of violence against women. Let's show our support to the victims and let them know they are not alone.”



**HUÁSCAR  
BARRADAS**



“C4 Trío is against any type of violence, especially gender violence. One in three women has been physically and/or sexually assaulted, this is an extremely alarming figure. We ask women not to remain silent if they are victims of any type of violence, we encourage you to report it. Violence will never be the answer.”



**EDWARD RAMÍREZ  
C4 TRÍO**





“Water is one of the essential elements for life. Let us be more aware of it, let us try to take care of it and promote its universal and sustainable access for all. Together we can achieve this.”



**JHOABEAT**



“Education is the key to get out of poverty, education is the basis of everything. We need to be more forceful in ensuring quality education. Help make education a priority in your community.”



**AQUILES BÁEZ**

“More than 3,000 million people depend on marine and coastal biodiversity to survive and all those plastic bags that we discard end up in our oceans, greatly affecting our ecosystem. It is time to take better care of it.”



**SHARLENE TAULÉ**



“Let’s promote the sustainable consumption of the products we use daily for the sake of our planet”.



**SEBASTIÁN CRESPO  
GRAN RADIO RIVIERA**





“Living in a more sustainable way and contributing to a healthier planet is something we can all do. Even small steps today can make a big difference for future generations.”



**JORGE GLEM**  
**C4 TRÍO**



“Did you know that one in three women has suffered violence, both physical and sexual? We must empower women and girls. Let's defend their rights”.

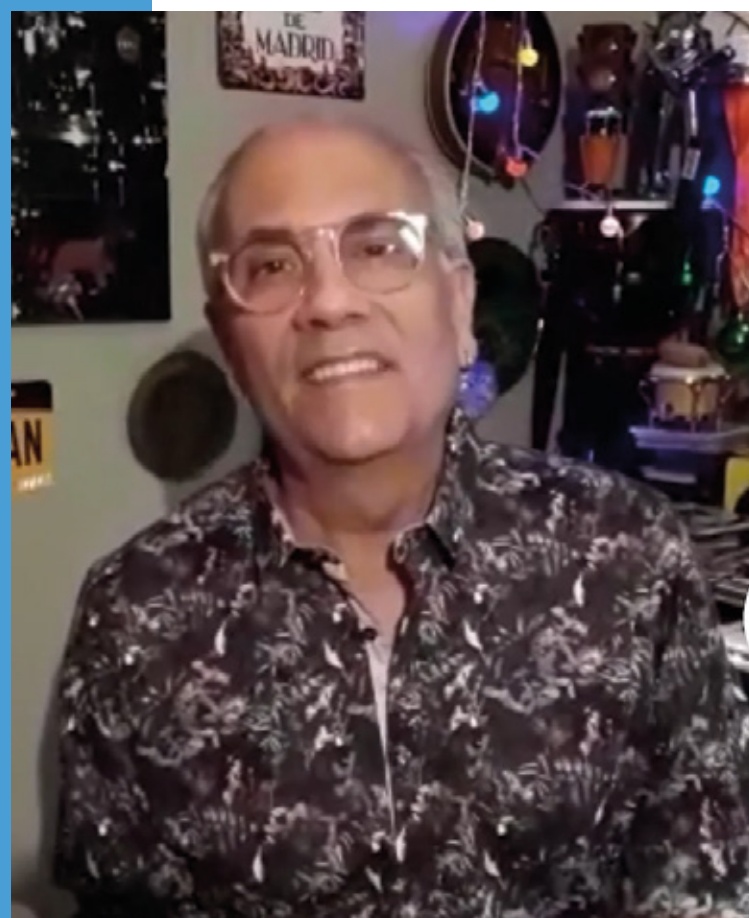


**KOBI CANTILLO**

“We need to work together to recover from the pandemic and build a healthier, greener, fairer and more resilient world.”



**VALERIO GONZÁLEZ**  
**ADITUS**



“It is time to fulfill the promise of 2030 Agenda: leave no one behind.”



**GEORGE HENRIQUEZ**  
**ADITUS**





*How do I see the United Nations in 25 years, when the organization celebrates its centenary? I see the United Nations focused fundamentally on multilateralism, on the multilateral approach to the peaceful resolution of controversies. At the same time, I see the UN focused on the respect of human rights, as the center of all activities, of all actions. And in that area there are two fundamental rights that I think should be prioritized: one is the right to the environment, the right to sustainable growth that really attacks global warming very strongly. And the second is universal health coverage, health for all.*

**Enrique Vallés**  
Deputy Representative UNHCR in Venezuela



*“My message for a better future, reflecting on what we have learned during the COVID-19 pandemic is that in a society we cannot be alone, if someone does not benefit from technology, advances, and efforts, we are all going to be at risk, therefore, it is very important to consider the fate of others and especially of the most vulnerable people”.*

**Cynthia Viveros Cano**  
Deputy Head, OCHA





# CONCLUSION

## *Beyond 2020*



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*“Across this anniversary year, we have engaged in a global conversation. And the results are striking. People are thinking big – they are also expressing an intense yearning for international cooperation and global solidarity. Now is the time to respond to these aspirations and realize these aims. In this 75th anniversary year, we face our own 1945 moment. We must meet that moment. We must show unity like never before to overcome today’s emergency, get the world moving and working and prospering again, and uphold the vision of the Charter.”*

**António Guterres**  
**UN Secretary-General**

### **THE FUTURE WE WANT, THE UN WE NEED**

UN75 represents the organization’s most ambitious attempt to take stock of global reality and hear from “we the peoples” about priorities and solutions to global challenges, providing a unique vision of the future we want and the UN we need.

Global dialogues have called for the UN to innovate, exercise stronger and more consistent leadership in the exercise of its moral authority to defend the Charter of the United Nations. They have made evident the call to increase accountability, transparency and impartiality, including through better communication with communities, as well as through the strengthening of their programs and operations.

The results of this exercise show us a world on the edge, with crises exacerbated by the pandemic, but clear about its aspirations. Across regions, ages, and social groups, respondents broadly agreed on their priorities for the future. Amid the pandemic, the results

make a strong call for action on inequalities, climate change as well as more solidarity.

In Venezuela, the opinions and priorities defined to shape a better future are compelling: universal access to basic services such as health, water, sanitation, education and the internet; equality, more inclusive societies that ensure the rights of all people, including LGBTI people and people with different abilities; greater protection for the planet; peace and equality between countries; gender equality and freedom from violence against girls and women; a united and more supportive world that meets the needs of the groups most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and vulnerable populations.

The UN Country Team in Venezuela enabled spaces for dialogue with a great diversity of social groups in the country, which has provided invaluable inputs for the different instruments and plans in its field of action with a view to continuing working towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and fulfilling the promise of leaving no one behind.

# ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

**ASOSABER** Civil Association Knowledge is Power

**FAO** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations -FAO-

**FIFA/U-20** International Federation of Soccer Association/Under 20

**FUNCAMAMA** Fight Against Breast Cancer Foundation

**GEPAL** Political Studies Group of Latin America

**HNMUN** Harvard National Model United Nations

**IOM** International Organization for Migration

**INAMEH** National Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology

**LGBTI** Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex

**METROMUN-LA** Delegation of the Universidad Metropolitana in Latin America Model United Nations

**NMUN** National Model United Nations

**OCHA** United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

**OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

**PAHO/WHO** Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization

**RCO** United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office

**SDG** Sustainable Development Goals

**SMS** Short Message Service

**UCAB** Universidad Católica Andrés Bello

**UCV** Universidad Central de Venezuela

**UN** United Nations

**UNIMET** Universidad Metropolitana

**UNDP** United Nations Development Programme

**UNESCO-IESALC** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America

**UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund

**UNHCR** UN Refugee Agency

**UNICEF** United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

**UNV** United Nations Volunteers

**VENAMCHAM** Venezuelan-American Chamber of Commerce and Industry

**WORLDNUM** Harvard World Model United Nations

**WPATH** World Professional Association for Transgender Health



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